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THE CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

The announcement that four members of the Civil Rights Commission and possibly a fifth, would resign their posts when their terms expire this fall, is of great interest. It means that probably five of the six members will toss in the towel at the end of their two-year terms.

The most enlightening thing about recent developments is the fact that the chairman of the Commission, the president of a prominent Michigan college, has declared that there are no right answers to many of the questions involved.

This is certainly an unbiased judgment, and it shows that a majority of the members on the Commission feel that the use of force in settling civil rights disputes is unwise. What many readers do not know is the fact that, some time ago, certain members of Congress were confidentially informed that the Civil Rights Commission would suggest that the life of that body not be continued by Congress.

All those politicians who were "crusading" on the issue, perhaps for the sake of votes, will not accept this verdict, even though it comes from members of the Civil Rights Commission itself.

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THE FUND DRIVES

A battle has been raging in the past few years between those who would combine the massive number of disjointed and uncoordinated fund-raising campaigns, in behalf of various diseases, etc., and those who want their individual organizations to carry on separate drives each year.

We are solidly on the side of the United Fund, or Community Chest, or Torch Drive, or whatever it may be called in the various communities. One thing pointed out recently in Harper's Magazine, is the fact that some of the fund drives today collect far more money than they ever did, even though the purpose for which they were formed has long been accomplished, or mostly accomplished.

One of the exceptions, is the fund to solve the problem of cardiovascular diseases—still a very great problem.

It appears to us that some thinking should be done to bring about a new deal in the entire area of fund-raising drives.

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GUARANTEES FREEDOM

Thoughtful men and women would oppose and trend in this country to place limitations upon the individual's right to think and express his thoughts regardless of of the topic discussed. Any effort to curb intellectual freedom is an attempt to perpetuate the present status is an obstacle to progress and freedom.

Tolerance of discussion, based upon sincerity of belief, is the foundation stone of both democratic government and the maintenance of human liberty. Without freedom for criticism of both doctrines and deeds, no error can be corrected, and no improvement may be looked for when human beings have been totally subjected to mental control and censorship.

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DAYS

Every so often we remind our readers of the famous things which happened on the the dates just ahead.

In this connection, when you go to the dentists, or to the hospital, and an anesthetist must put you to sleep, it might make you feel better to know that ether — the first anesthesia — was not used until 1842. It was not used very widely until long after that time, so when you have teeth pulled, or an operation, remember that if you had been born a couple of hundred years ago, you might be experiencing some grim ordeals today which you are spared, Ether was first used on March 30, in 1842.

Interestingly, there is no agreement on how April Fool's Day began. This day, known as All Fool's Day, is with us nevertheless, and is an occasion for practical jokes. The custom extends all over the world, curiously.

The U. S. Mint was established in 1792, on April 2nd., and has been printing money faster and faster ever since.

Richmond was evacuated on April 3rd, 1865, which signalled the fall of the Confederate capital, and pointed to the ending of the great War just six days later at Appomattox.

A thoughtful people will remember the great events of the past.

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Look into the mirror and you can see what others see.

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The world might be a great deal better if some people were not so anxious to prevent anybody else from succeeding.

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Principles must be above expediency if our political system is to endure.

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The cost of defense will begin to appear when income tax payments are made.

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One Plus God

Lesson for April 5, 1959

"ONE PLUS GOD" is a slogan that might fit many a strong life. It is not only the secret of such men as were the prophets of old, not only for Saint Paul and Saint Augustine and Martin Luther, and other famous persons admired by Christians. The reader should realize that this can be true of every one who puts his trust in God. The price of admission to the goodly company of the saints is not cheap, but it is in every one's reach: Faith.

Dr. Foreman

Loyalty

This was true of the famous Old Testament hero named Samuel. He was what in football language is called a triple-threat man. He was a priest, prophet, judge, military advisor; and tradition even says he was a writer, though of course he did not live long enough to have written the books that bear his name in the Old Testament. (They do not claim to have been written by him.) Before his time there had been no kings, and indeed not very much unity among the tribes of Israel. Under his leadership the tribes were better united, and it would not be much exaggeration to say that Samuel "licked the tribes into shape"—the shape of a kingdom which he turned over to the first king-by-title, Saul. It is true that King Saul did not pay attention to Samuel's wisdom; but all the same, after the old prophet was dead, Saul thought so much of his advice that he actually tried to conjure him out of his grave just to hear him again.

What was the secret of Samuel's power over Israel? First of all it was a contagious loyalty to the one true God. It was a time when most men worshipped many gods. Even the Israelites did this. Samuel ran the risk of being looked at as a crank or a fanatic, but such was his known loyalty to God that when he challenged Israel to throw away their idols, they did. There must have been something in his life that made even those primitive men sure that one-plus-God means greatness.

Prayer

Another marked feature of Samuel's life was his prayers. We have on record the story of his very first prayer. It was not a begging request, not a "Gimme" prayer at all. It was "Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth." Even as a boy he would rather hear what God has to say than to pour out words before God. How seldom it is that people in praying give God any chance to speak! The Lord seldom has much to say to a man who insists on talking every minute.

Another feature of Samuel's prayer life was that he prayed for others, even when those others had turned their backs on him. Samuel did his best to persuade the Israelites not to have a king. He knew that "power corrupts" and he predicted accurately the injustice and tyranny which their future kings would show. But they wanted a king all the same; yet in taking leave of them Samuel was not bitter. "Far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you," he said.

Wisdom

Samuel was an example of what we nowadays call a circuit judge. He held court in three cities, including his home town. (This alone is remarkable.) He was not (on the one hand) the kind of religious person who retires to a cell and "compounds his life in prayer. He was a man of affairs, touched his high and low. He was not (on the other hand) the kind of religious person who keeps his religion with his hymn-book—in church, where he takes it out and gets loud and happy over it once a week—only once. Samuel on the contrary was a man whose religious faith was the foundation of his wisdom. Religion did not lift him "out of this world;" it gave him insight into the problems of this world. His one-plus-God life was not for himself alone: God in life helped him to be a help to others. Perhaps one strong reason why there are not more persons who deserve that "One-plus-God" description, is that too many of us want to have God by the hand to serve ourselves rather than others.

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Farm News

By J. A. Smith County Agent

Prices For Fat Cattle Hold Up Well in Virginia

Prices have held up remarkably well throughout the winter months at the special state-graded fat-cattle sales in Fredericksburg and Richmond, says K. C. Williamson, cattle marketing specialist at VPI.

Sales began at Fredericksburg on December 12 and at Richmond on January 15, and have continued at about three-week intervals since.

The usual drop expected in slaughter cattle prices around February came with little force. A short-lived price decline on fat cattle occurred in mid-February. Cattle feeders have sold their cattle this winter about like they did in the spring of 1958. Most of them seem to be in the position that if demand for fed cattle is good and prices favorable, they will sell as their cattle are ready. On the other hand, if demand drops or if there are enough cattle going to market to reduce prices, the feeders cut back on movement to market and packers are forced to bid higher. When this situation prevails, Williamson points out, prices don't usually drop very far.

Ground Hog Control

Now is the time to control ground hogs. During the next eight weeks, they will be producing their litters. Best control can be secured through the use of gas cartridges. They are available locally.

LIME IMPORTANT FACTOR IN FARMING

"If I couldn't get lime, I would not be a farmer."

That statement, made by the late VPI Dean of Agriculture, T. B. Hutcheson, is still being quoted by today's agricultural experts.

W. W. Moschler, assistant agronomist at VPI, stresses that neither fertilizer nor lime will give the best results when used alone. Farmers should use lime to correct soil acidity, and fertilizer to supply plant nutrients. Liming is as badly needed today as when it was first done by farmers. One reason for this continuing need for lime is that more fertilizer is being used, and most of the fertilizer leaves an acid residue in the soil.

Moschler cites a study made by George Shoop, graduate student in agronomy at VPI. Shoop tried to grow some sod crops without using lime. He found it impossible to produce a good sod on a lime-deficient soil without using lime. Even red-top, one of the most acid-resistant grasses, failed to grow satisfactorily.

By putting on more and more fertilizer, the student got some of the grasses to look as if they had received a little lime. In fact they had, since most fertilizers will contain a small amount of lime as part of the compounding which also supplies the nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium. By using about a ton of fertilizer per acre, Shoop got the grass to grow fairly well. However, a ton of lime and 300 pounds of fertilizer made it grow better, and was much less expensive.

RECORDS IMPORTANT IN EGG PRODUCTION

Egg production is becoming more and more a business enterprise with a smaller margin of profit per dozen.

And, says D. D. Bragg, poultry specialist at VPI, records are needed on daily and total egg production, mortality, feed use, pounds of feed per dozen of eggs, and other items which have a bearing on profit and loss. Records also help at income tax time.

Bragg advises egg-producers to form the habit of sitting down for a few minutes at the end of each day and recording each transaction. Record books and forms are available from county agents and/or feed servicemen.

VIRGINIA RANKS NINTH IN BROILER PRODUCTION

Virginia ranked ninth in broiler production in the United States last year.

A preliminary estimate of production during 1958 in 22 important broiler states showed that production was 15% above the number of broilers in 1957, and the largest on 22 states produced 90% of the nation's broilers in 1957.

With nearly 63,000,000 broilers, Virginia produced 5 1-4% of the nation's total. The estimate for 1958 of 18.3c per pound for Virginia broilers was better than prices paid to the south, but not quite as those paid on the Peninsula or in Maine.

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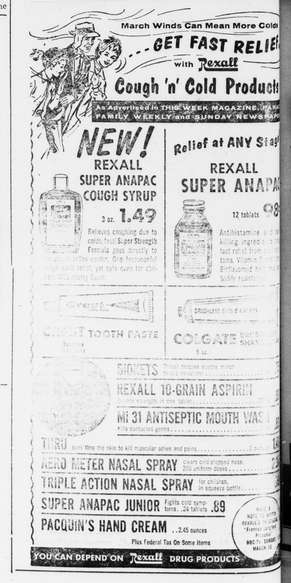
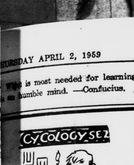


What is most needed for learning is a humble mind. —Confucius.



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Hixburg

Hixburg, March 31.- Miss Nannie Belle Goin, of Williamsburg, came home Saturday to spend the week-end. She was accompanied by Pvt. Charles Phelps, who has just completed his basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C. He is en route to Aberdeen, Maryland, where he will attend a school for welders.

Mr. Wilbur Maxwell, who has been assistant pastor at Walker's Presbyterian Church at Hixburg, will begin on his new assignment on June 1.

He will be assistant pastor to Dr. W. W. Glass, at the First Presbyterian Church in South Boston, Va.

The Rev. DeJarnette, of Clarksville was the guest speaker at the revival services at Olive Branch Methodist Church last week.

The Rev .and Mrs .Philip Thomas and the Rev. DeJarnette were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Fore on Thursday evening, and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rob Martin on Friday evening .

Ida Virginia Covington entertained the Pioneers and Sunday School of Walker's Presbyterian Church at her home with an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday afternoon. A prize was given to the one who found the most eggs.

Mr. J. S. Hix of Thomasville, N. C., will be over-night guest of his sister, Miss Maggie Hix from Tuesday March 31 - April 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Glover, Jr., announce the birth of a daughter, Vicki Lee, at Virginia Baptist Hospital, in Lynchburg, on Wednesday, March 25.

Earl Dooley, of Lynchburg, was the supper guest of his one-time school mate, Walter Carson, on Saturday evening.

Mrs .Watkins McPhillips and children spent last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed McPhillips. Watkins came for the week-end. His family accompanied him back to Richmond on Sunday afternoon.

The days of Good Samaritans are not over. Some can be found at Hixburg.

An amateur gardener was looking towards the mountains and wondering how she could get her garden in planting condition.

Lowering her eyes, she discovered a big tractor with a plow which was turning up the earth in her garden.

That young plow-man went on on and on until th ejob was completed.

Then,he disappeared, not even waiting for a "thank you."

This "Good Samaritan" was none other than Henry Earl Covington, a teen-ager.

Record Attendance

Ogden, Utah.- A lot of the family was on hand when Boyd Braithwaite was born.

There was his 15-year-old mother, Mrs. Clara Smith Braithwaite; his 20-year-old grandmother, Mrs. Ida Smith; his 45-year-old great grandmother,Mrs. Coral Mair, and his 80-year-old great-great grandmother, Theda Ann DeHaven.

Mrs. Braithwaite, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Mair all were married at 14 and had children at 15.

Mrs. Braithwaite's 20-year-old husband, a construction worker, and 46-year-old Grandpa Mair also were in the crowd.

County Line

County Line, March 25.- Small children, playing with matches, set the woods on fire on Mr. Otey Jones' place last Thursday. It also burned over other land.

Mr. and Mrs .Everette Ferguson visited relatives in Richmond Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs .Edd Simms and children, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Britton, Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Roland, all visited Mrs. Dan Irby Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs .Milton Nash, of Williamsburg spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs .Henry Mann.

Mr. and Mrs .Emery Mullin visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grishaw, near Old Well Sunday.

Mrs .Dan Irby spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. Vernie Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Lee, of Lynchburg, were recent visitors in the Jones home.

Miss Mamie Painter has been on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs . Russell Mayberry visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Goggin Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mullin called in the home of Mr. Alex Cyrus on Saturday night.

Will They Never Learn?

A pedestrian is a husband who didn't think the family needed two cars. —The Tester, Patuxent River, Md.

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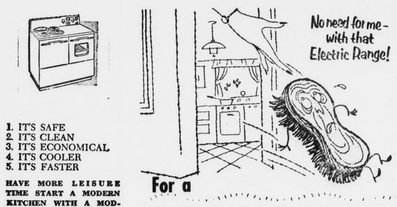

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